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## AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

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## BANKS.

### HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

Paid-up Capital, 5,000,000 Dollars.  
Reserve Fund, 1,800,000 Dollars.

#### COURT OF DIRECTORS.

Chairman—W. H. FORBES, Esq.  
Deputy Chairman—HOB. W. KEWICK.  
E. R. BELLING, Esq.  
H. L. DALRYMPLE, Esq.  
H. HOPKINS, Esq.  
A. MOLVER, Esq.

#### CHIEF MANAGER.

Hongkong, THOMAS JACKSON, Esq.  
Shanghai, E. WEN CAMERON, Esq.  
LONDON BANKERS.—London and County Bank.

#### HONGKONG.

#### INTEREST ALLOWED.

On Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

For Fixed Deposits:—  
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.  
" 6 " 4 per cent. " "  
" 12 " 5 per cent. " "

#### LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

#### T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Offices of the Corporation,  
No. 1, Queen's Road East,  
Hongkong, February 15, 1879.

### ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION.

(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

#### RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON FIXED DEPOSITS.

At 3 months' notice 8 per cent. per annum.  
" 6 " " 4 " " "  
" 12 " " 5 " " "

On Current Accounts at Rates which can be ascertained at their Office.

#### D. A. J. OROMBIE, Acting Manager.

Oriental Bank Corporation,  
Hongkong, November 23, 1878.

### CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA.

CAPITAL, 2,800,000.  
RESERVE FUND, 150,000.

#### BANKERS.

#### THE BANK OF ENGLAND.

#### THE CITY BANK.

#### NATIONAL BANK OF SCOTLAND.

THE BANK'S BRANCH in Hongkong grants Drafts on London and the Chief Commercial places in Europe and the East; buys and receives for collection Bills of Exchange, and conducts all kinds of Banking and Exchange Business.

#### RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS.

On Current Accounts, 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

On Fixed Deposits,  
For 3 months, 8 per cent. per annum.  
" 6 " 4 per cent. " "  
" 12 " 5 per cent. " "

#### WASHING BOOKS.

(In English and Chinese.)  
WASHERMAN'S BOOKS, for the use of Ladies and Gentlemen, are now ready at this Office.—Price, \$1 each.  
CHINA MAIL OFFICE.

## For sale.

### RECENTLY ARRIVED, AND FOR SALE.

RODGERS'S CELEBRATED CUTLERY.  
WATERLOO'S and DE LA RUE'S STATIONERY.  
DESSERT and DINNER SERVICES.  
TABLE GLASSWARE.  
GENTS' TOOL CHESTS.  
CARIN SUSPENSION and BULK-HEAD SWINGING LAMPS for OIL.  
CABIN SWINGING CANDLE-STICKS.  
SIGNAL and MASTHEAD LAMPS, (Latest Admiralty Regulation).  
TUBE EXPANDERS, Assorted Sizes.  
ENGINEER'S HAMMERS.  
MATHEMATICAL INSTRUMENTS.  
COFFER WIRE GAUZE.  
SPIRIT LEVELS.  
INDIA RUBBER SHEETS, Assorted Sizes.  
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INDIA RUBBER SUCTION and DELIVERY HOSE.  
CANVAS DELIVERY HOSE.  
LEATHER BELTING.

A Large and Choice Assortment of American and English ELECTRO-PLATED WARE.

NEW and POPULAR BOOKS, INSTRUCTIVE and AMUSING. EDUCATIONAL WORKS.

WORKS OF REFERENCE. PRESENTATION BOOKS.

NOVELS, &c.

MUSIC & SONGS, by First class Composers.

OPERAS, Musical Instruction Books, &c.

A Fine Selection of SHERMAN'S Very Fine "O. K." BOURBON WHISKY.

CHATEAU DE FRANKS. (A fine full figured BRANDIES CLARET.)

BRANDIES, GIN, LIQUEURS, &c.

LAMMERT, ATKINSON & CO.

Hongkong, February 21, 1879.

FOR SALE.

EUGENE RIMMEL'S TROPICAL FLOWER WATER.

SUPERIOR TO ALL SIMILAR PREPARATIONS.

VOGEL & Co., Sole Agents for China.

Hongkong, February 19, 1879. my19

FOR SALE.

A 58-inch SINGER & Co.'s "SPECIAL CHALLENGE" BICYCLE, quite new.

PATENT BEARINGS.

DOUBLE BRAKE, & EXTRAS.

Will be sold under Invoice Price; owner leaving Colony.

Apply to SAYLE & Co., Where Machine can be seen.

Hongkong, March 3, 1879.

FOR SALE.

COKE, \$7.50 per Ton.

TAR, 7 Cts. per Gallon.

Apply to GAS WORKS, West Point.

Hongkong, March 6, 1879. ma18

## Intimations.

G. FALCONER & Co., WATCH AND CHRONOMETER MANUFACTURERS, AND JEWELLERS.

NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS, CHARTS AND BOOKS.

46, Queen's Road Central.

Hongkong, February 20, 1879. ma20

MOORE & Co., "VARIETY STORE," NEWS AGENTS AND TOBACCONISTS.

No. 42, Queen's Road Central.

Hongkong, September 10, 1878.

DENTAL NOTICE.

DR. ROGERS will visit SHANGHAI during the Summer Months, leaving Hongkong on the 1st of April next.

Hongkong, February 10, 1879.

NOTICE.

FROM THE 1st OF OCTOBER, DE EASTLAKE will receive his PATIENTS at his new DENTAL ROOMS, No. 50, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, over the MEDICAL HALL.

Hongkong, September 25, 1878.

## Intimations.

### LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

ARE AGENTS FOR

CURCIER and ADETS' CLARETS. COGNAC and BRANDY. CHURCH'S SAFES. WHITEHEAD'S STOUT. VAN HOBOKEN'S GIN. FOSTER'S BOTTLED ALE and STOUT. SILVER LIGHT LAMPS. FRENCH JAMS, Confiture de St. James. STARKEY'S GOLD LACE and OFFICERS' DECORATIONS. BAXTER'S CANVAS. KOHNSTAMM'S CHAMPAGNE.

W. T. ALLEN & Co.'s ORNAMENTAL IRON WORK. GILBEY & SONS' WINES. BASS'S DRAUGHT ALE. LETT'S DIARIES. ISIGNY BUTTER. TEACHER'S WHISKY. CONSTABULARY REVOLVERS. THE NEW LIFE JACKET. LONDON & CHINA EXPRESS, OVERLAND MAIL, and THE HOME NEWS.

### LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

Beg to call Special Attention to the following Departments:—

#### COAST ORDER DEPARTMENT:

ORDERS from the COAST or OUT-PORTS are Promptly and Carefully Executed. Goods not in Stock will be procured, if possible, in the Colony.

#### SPECIAL ORDER DEPARTMENT:

BOOKS, SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS, ORNAMENTAL HOUSE or GARDEN FITTINGS, FURNITURE, PIANOS, MEDICINES, BILLIARD TABLES, ARMS, &c., &c., ordered from ENGLAND, at a Commission (all trade discounts being allowed) on the laid down cost, of 5 per cent. on amounts over, and 10 per cent. on amounts under \$100.

#### FORWARDING AGENCY:

PACKAGES of CURIOS, TEA, PRESERVES, &c., &c., forwarded to any Address in the UNITED KINGDOM by each P. & O. Mail, Charges in full collected either here or from the Consignees as desired. Particulars required with each Package are, Contents for declaration at Customs and value for insurance.

Hongkong, February 27, 1879.

### EIGHT PER CENT. SILVER LOAN

### THE CHINESE IMPERIAL GOVERNMENT,

Authorized by Imperial Decree dated the 14th Day of the Ninth Moon of the Fourth Year of Kuang-Sü (9th October, 1878.)

Haiquan Taels 1,750,000—Shanghai Taels 1,949,500 Stock.

In Bonds of Shanghai Taels 500 each, bearing Interest from 11th April, 1879. The First Instalment of Interest being payable on 5th October, 1879, in HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI.

The Bonds are redeemable at PAR WITHIN SIX YEARS (1884) by HALF-YEARLY (ACCORDING TO THE CHINESE CALENDAR) DRAWINGS.

PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST PAYABLE IN HONGKONG.

### PRICE OF ISSUE—PAR.

THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION hereby invites SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR SHANGHAI TAELS 1,750,000 of 8 PER CENT. Bonds at the issue PRICE OF PAR, payable as follows:—

SHANGHAI TAELS 10 per cent. on application.  
" 90 " 15 days after allotment.  
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The Bonds will bear interest at the rate of Shanghai Taels eight per cent. per annum, payable half-yearly according to the Chinese Calendar, as per annexed Schedule, at the Offices of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, in Hongkong (at current rate of Exchange for Demand Bills on Shanghai) and Shanghai.

The first payment of Interest on the full amount of each Bond will be payable on 5th October, 1879, at the above-mentioned places.

The Bonds will be redeemed at par within six years (1884) by 11 half-yearly Drawings, commencing 5th October, 1879, of Shanghai Taels 102,500 each, the balance of the Loan, Shanghai Taels 162,000, being paid off on 9th August, 1884.

The Drawings will take place in February and August in each year, and the Bonds so drawn will be paid off at par on the respective dates specified in annexed Schedule at the Offices of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, in Hongkong (at current rate of Exchange for Demand Bills on Shanghai) and Shanghai, after which dates interest on the Bonds so drawn will cease.

The Loan has been authorized by an Imperial Decree, dated 9th of October, 1878. The Loan, principal and interest, is specially secured by the hypothecation of the Imperial Maritime Customs' Revenue of the ports of Shanghai, Fookchow, Canton, Ningpo and Hankow—the five Ports which have the largest Customs' Revenue of the Empire—to the extent necessary for the due payment of interest and repayment of principal of the said Loan.

The special hypothecation of Customs' Revenue to meet the charge of the present Loan is constituted by the deposit with the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation of Customs' Bonds, signed by the Viceroy and Governors of the respective Provinces in which the Ports referred to are situated, which Bonds will be held by the Bank in trust for the holders of this Loan. These Customs' Bonds will be received, in case of need, in payment of Customs' Duties.

Certified Translations of the Official Documents authorizing the Loan, may be inspected at the Office of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, Hongkong and Shanghai.

Default in payment of any instalment at the due date will render all previous payments liable to forfeiture.

If no allotment is made, the deposit will be returned in full; and if only a portion of the amount applied for is allotted, the balance of the deposit will be applied towards the payment of the final instalment.

Bonds to Bearer will be issued against Allotment Letters and Bankers' Receipts.

	Principal.	Interest.	Total.
1st Instalment due 5th October, 1878.....	162,500.00	69,825.81	232,325.81
2nd " 30th March, 1880.....	162,500.00	68,921.70	231,421.70
3rd " 28th September, 1880.....	162,500.00	66,717.69	229,217.69
4th " 19th March, 1881.....	162,500.00	60,413.48	222,913.48
5th " 12th September, 1881.....	162,500.00	44,109.37	206,609.37
6th " 8th March, 1882.....	162,500.00	37,805.26	200,305.26
7th " 1st September, 1882.....	162,500.00	31,501.15	194,001.15
8th " 25th February, 1883.....	162,500.00	25,197.04	187,697.04
9th " 21st August, 1883.....	162,500.00	18,892.93	181,392.93
10th " 14th February, 1884.....	162,500.00	12,588.82	175,088.82
11th " 9th August, 1884.....	162,500.00	6,284.71	168,784.71
Shanghai Taels.....	1,750,000.00	415,887.66	2,165,887.66

Applications (Forms of which can be obtained at the offices of the Bank) accompanied by a deposit of Shanghai Taels Ten per cent., will be received by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation until the eleventh day of April, 1879, on which date the allotment will be made.

For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, AGENTS ISSUING THE LOAN,

(Signed)

T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 5th March, 1879.

## Intimations.

### HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

#### NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE DIVIDEND declared for the Half-year ending 31st December last, at the Rate of ONE POUND STERLING (£1 Stg.) per Share of \$125, is PAYABLE on and after MONDAY, the 17th Current, at the Offices of the Corporation, where Shareholders are requested to apply for Warrants.

By Order of the Court of Directors,  
T. JACKSON,  
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, February 15, 1879.

### HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

#### NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

CONTRIBUTING Shareholders are requested to send in an ACCOUNT of BUSINESS CONTRIBUTED during the half year ended 31st December 1878, on or before March 31st, on which date the Accounts will be Closed.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
D. GILLIES,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, February 25, 1879. ap1

## Auctions.

### PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from H. M. Naval Store-keeper, to sell by Public Auction, on

#### TUESDAY,

the 11th of March, 1879, at 11 o'clock a.m., at H. M. NAVAL YARD,—

Sundry condemned NAVAL and VIO-TUALLING STORES, comprising:—  
Old Wrought and Cast Iron, Iron Tanks, Leather Hoses, Canvas, Lamps, Lanterns, Glass, Clocks, Boats, etc., etc. Sundry Provisions, Clothing, etc. 4 Tins each 4 gal. Ether.

And,  
2817 lbs. Tobacco.  
1000 Blankets.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.17. All lots, with all faults and errors of description, at purchasers' risk on the fall of the hammer.

J. M. ARMSTRONG,  
Government Auctioneer.

Hongkong, Feb. 21, 1879. mr11

### PUBLIC AUCTION.

TO BE SOLD BY PUBLIC AUCTION, shortly, on a day to be hereafter named, unless previously disposed of by private contract,—

THE HONGKONG DISTILLERY,

Situate at East Point, Hongkong, now in Complete Working Order, and Capable of Distilling upwards of 2,000 Gallons daily. The Property is of a most valuable nature, comprising THREE

PIECES OF GROUND close to the water, viz:—Inland Lots Nos. 749, 781 and 782, with the Substantially Built DWELLING HOUSE and BUSINESS PREMISES, erected specially for the purpose only a few years since, together with the

MACHINERY, ENGINES, STILLS, VATS, STOOK, and TRADE FURNITURE and FITTINGS.

For further Particulars, apply to Messrs SHARP, TOLLER, and JOHNSON,

Hongkong, Supreme Court House, Hongkong.

Hongkong, March 5, 1879.

## Shipping.

### Steamers.

### AUSTRALASIAN STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

FOR PORT DARWIN, COOKTOWN, SYDNEY & MELBOURNE.

Taking Cargo and Passengers for all Australasian and New Zealand Ports.

TASMANIA, NEW CALEDONIA & FIJI.

The Departure of the Company's Steamship

"OCEAN,"

EDMUNDSON, Commander, is POSTPONED until SATURDAY, the 8th Instant, at Noon.

For freight or Passage, apply to GEO. R. STEVENS & Co.

Hongkong, March 5, 1879. ma8

FOR MANILA (DIRECT.)

The Steamship

"OLYMPIA,"

NABH, Master, will be despatched as above on MONDAY, the 10th Instant, at 2 p.m.

For freight or Passage, apply to REMEDIOS & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, March 6, 1879. ma10

## Shipping.

### Sailing Vessels.

#### FOR MANILA.

The Spanish Barque "VIOLETA," THOMAS, Master, will be despatched for the above Port on SATURDAY, the 8th Instant.

For Freight, apply to

REMEDIOS & Co.

Hongkong, March 5, 1879. mr6

#### FOR PORTLAND (OREGON).

The American Barque "ALDEN BESSE," Captain NOYES, will load here for the above Port, and will leave this on MONDAY, the 10th Instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

HOP KEE.

Hongkong, March 1, 1879. mr10

#### FOR VICTORIA (VANCOUVER'S ISLAND).

The A 1 American Bark "HELENE," Captain SNOW, will load here for the above Port, and have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to

RUSSELL & Co.

Hongkong, February 13, 1879. ma10

#### FOR PORTLAND (OREGON).

The A 1 American Bark "COLOMA," Captain HALL, will load here for the above Port, and have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to

RUSSELL & Co.

Hongkong, February 13, 1879. ma13

#### FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

The A 1 American Ship "MATCHLESS," Captain DAWES, will load here for the above Port, and have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to

RUSSELL & Co.

Hongkong, February 13, 1879. ma13

#### FOR NEW YORK.

The A 1 American Ship "GOLDEN RULE," LEWIS, Master.

For Freight, apply to

VOGEL & Co.

Hongkong, February 26, 1879.

#### FOR PORTLAND.

The A 1 American Bark "STILLMAN B.



## Intimations.

## THE CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

## NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the EIGHTH ORDINARY MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Head Office, Victoria, Hongkong, on MONDAY, the 24th March, 1879, at 3 o'clock P.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1878.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 10th March to the 24th March, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,  
J. BRADLEE SMITH,  
General Agent.  
Hongkong, February 19, 1879. ma24

## THE CHINESE INSURANCE CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given, that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the above-named Company, will be held at the Company's Office, No. 39, Queen's Road, in the city of Victoria, Hongkong, on MONDAY, the 10th day of March next, at 3 p.m., for the purpose of passing certain Special Resolutions providing for the following alterations in the Constitution and Articles of Association of the Company; viz:—

- 1.—That the Business of the Company be in future managed by a Board of Directors and a Secretary instead of the former and General Agents as heretofore.
- 2.—That if in the opinion of the Directors the Business of the Company in any year be such as not to warrant the Payment of Interest at \$12 per cent. per annum on the Paid-up Capital, they may during such year reduce such Rate to such lower amount as they may consider desirable for the Interests of the Company.
- 3.—To enable the Directors if a necessity shall arise to pay such Interest or any part thereof out of the Reserve Fund.
- 4.—To provide that when there shall be profits applicable for dividend the same shall be divisible as the Shareholders in Meeting shall determine.
- 5.—That Fourteen Days instead of Thirty Days notice may be given of all Meetings of the Company.
- 6.—That Clause 1st of the Articles of the Company be expunged, leaving future changes in the Regulations of the Company to be made as provided for by Ordinance No. 1 of 1865.

NOTICE is hereby also given, that a Second EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company, will be held at the same Hour and Place on MONDAY, the 24th day of March next, for the purpose of Confirming such Special Resolutions as may be passed at the First mentioned Meeting.

Dated this Third day of February, 1879.  
By Order,  
J. BRADLEE SMITH,  
General Agent.

## NOTICE TO MARINERS.

No. 98.

## CHINA SEA.

## SHANGHAI DISTRICT.—WOOSUNG RIVER.

## WOOSUNG INNER BAR SIGNALS.

NOTICE is hereby given that on and after the 31st March, 1879, Geometrical Signals will be substituted for the flags now in use at the Woosung Inner Bar Station, showing the depth of water on the Bar during the day.

An explanatory diagram, showing the signals which indicate the depth of water from 10 feet to 24 feet and which will show the same in approaching the signal station both from Shanghai and from seaward, is added herewith.

To indicate a rising tide a ball will be hoisted at the mast-head.

In case of there being greater or less depths of water than here given, the number of feet will be signalled by the "Universal Code of Signals" at the mast-head, and the half feet by a red and white flag at the yard-arm.

By order of the Inspector-General of Customs.

GERALD E. WELLESLEY,  
Acting Engineer-in-Chief.

Imperial Maritime Customs,  
Engineer's Office,  
Shanghai, 31st Jan., 1879.

Depth of water in feet on Bar.	South Yard-arm.	North Yard-arm.	Depth of water in feet on Bar.	South Yard-arm.	North Yard-arm.
10	▲	●	17½	▲	●
10½	▲	●	18	▲	●
11	▲	●	18½	▲	●
11½	▲	●	19	▲	●
12	▲	●	19½	▲	●
12½	▲	●	20	▲	●
13	▲	●	20½	▲	●
13½	▲	●	21	▲	●
14	▲	●	21½	▲	●
14½	▲	●	22	▲	●
15	▲	●	22½	▲	●
15½	▲	●	23	▲	●
16	▲	●	23½	▲	●
16½	▲	●	24	▲	●
17	▲	●	24½	▲	●
17½	▲	●	25	▲	●

## SAILOR'S HOME.

ANY Cast-off Clothing, Books, or Papers will be thankfully received at the Sailor's Home, West Point, Hongkong, July 25, 1878.

## Intimations.

## HONGKONG WHARE &amp; GODOWNS STORAGE.

GOODS RECEIVED on STORAGE at Moderate Rates, in FIRST-CLASS GODOWNS, under European supervision; and VESSELS Discharged alongside the WHARF, on favorable Terms, with quick despatch.

MEYER & Co.,  
Proprietors.  
Hongkong, November 29, 1878. my29

F. H. T. CHING S. begs to announce to the Community of Hongkong that he will be able to supply BEEF, MUTTON, &c., from 1st October, and trusts that they may grant him their support.

SHOP—WELLINGTON STREET, opposite the Cathedral.  
Hongkong, September 20, 1878.

## GEORGE PHILIP DAK (DECEASED).

CLAIMS against the above Estate should be sent in to the Undersigned before the 15th of March.

H. F. HANCE,  
Acting Consul.  
Canton, Feb. 25, 1879.

## Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:—

- BEETHOVEN, German barque, Capt. R. Haje.—Melchers & Co.
- WANDERING MINSTREL, British barque, Capt. Sievwright.—Captain.
- LAROS, British barque, Capt. T. Brown.—Edward Schellhass & Co.
- NEMELAH GIBSON, American barque, Capt. D. Bradford.—Meyer & Co.
- ORANGE LEA, British barque, Capt. A. I. Winther.—Butterfield & Swire.

## Notice to Consignees.

FROM KOBE, NAGASAKI & AMOY.

THE S. S. *Glenorchy* having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Undersigned, whence and/or from the Wharves or Boats delivery may be obtained.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the 10th Instant will be subject to rent. No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

Hongkong, March 3, 1879. mal10

## COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of the following Cargo are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and take immediate delivery. This Cargo has been landed and stored at their risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.  
G. DE CHAMPEAUX,  
Agent.

Ex "Ava."

H. J. A. H. (in cross) No. 107, Aldridge Salmon & Co., 1 case Hosiery, from London.  
Hongkong, February 15, 1879.

## To-day's Advertisements.

## FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE S. S. *Venice* having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge will be at once landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

Hongkong, March 7, 1879. mal4

## FOR MANILA.

The Steamship "GENERALDA" will be despatched for the above Port on MONDAY, the 10th Instant, at 4 p.m. For Freight or Passage, apply to RUSSELL & Co.

Hongkong, March 7, 1879. mal10

## FOR AMOY.

The Steamship "DIAMANTE" will have quick despatch for the above Port.

For Freight or Passage, apply to RUSSELL & Co.

Hongkong, March 7, 1879.

## FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

The A. 1 American Ship "CHARMIE" will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to RUSSELL & Co.

Hongkong, March 7, 1879.

## FOR NEW YORK.

The A. 1 American Ship "MARY WHITEHEAD" will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to RUSSELL & Co.

Hongkong, March 7, 1879.

## To-day's Advertisements.

## NOTICE.

## COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

## PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

The Company's Steamship "TANAI", Commandant DE LA MARCELLE, will be despatched for YOKOHAMA TO-MORROW, the 8th Instant, at 5 p.m.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,  
Agent.  
Hongkong, March 7, 1879.

## NOTICE.

## COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

## PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

The Company's Steamship "AMAZONE", Commandant LORMIER, will be despatched for SHANGHAI TO-MORROW, the 8th Instant, at 6 p.m.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,  
Agent.  
Hongkong, March 7, 1879.

## COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

## S. S. AMAZONE.

## NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per S. S. *Indus*, from London, in connection with the above Steamship, are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk at the Company's Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, unless intimation is received from the Consignees, before TO-DAY, the 7th Instant, at 3 p.m., requesting it to be landed here. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned.

Goods remaining undelivered after TO-DAY, the 14th Instant, at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges. No Fire Insurance has been effected.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,  
Agent.  
Hongkong, March 7, 1879.

## HONGKONG, CANTON, AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

## EXCURSION TO MACAO.

THE "POWAN" will leave for MACAO at 6.30 p.m. TO-MORROW, the 8th Instant, and return on SUNDAY, the 9th, leaving at 9.30 p.m.

First Class Fare to Macao and Back, \$1.50  
Second Class, \$1.00

Tickets may be procured at the Office. No Cheques will be taken for Passage Money on Board the Steamer.

No Dinner will be provided on Board unless ordered beforehand. Orders for Dinner addressed "Steward Povan" to be left at the Wharf not later than 3 p.m. TO-morrow.

P. A. DA COSTA,  
Secretary. ma8

## FOR SWATOW, AMOY &amp; FOCHOW.

The Steamship "DOUGLAS", Capt. M. YOUNG, will be despatched for the above Ports on TUESDAY, the 11th Instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LARPAK & Co.  
Hongkong, March 7, 1879. ml11

## FOR SINGAPORE, PORT DARWIN, BRISBANE, SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

(Calling off the usual Coast Ports, and taking through Cargo and Passengers for New Zealand.)

The Eastern and Australian Mail Steam Co.'s Steamer "MENMUIR", Captain DANKER, R.N.R., will be despatched as above on TUESDAY, the 18th Instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.

Hongkong, March 7, 1879. mal8

## SHIPPING.

## ARRIVALS.

March 7, *Douglas*, British steamer, 884, M. Young, Fochow March 4, Amoy 5, and Swatow 6, General.—DOUGLAS LARPAK & Co.

March 7, 9 a.m., *Fuyew*, Chinese steamer, 920, Croard, Shanghai March 4, 7 a.m., General.—O. M. S. N. Co.

March 7, *Amazone*, French steamer, 1904, Lormier, Marseilles Jan. 28, Naples 28, Port Said Feb. 1, Suez 3, Aden 8, Galle 18, Singapore 27, and Saigon March 8, Malle and General.—MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

March 7, *Golden Rule*, American ship, 1195, Lewis, Yokohama Feb. 25, Ballast.—VOZEL & Co.

March 7, *Venice*, British steamer, 1271, Rhode, Calcutta Feb. 19, Pona 8, and Singapore, General.—JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

## DEPARTURES.

Mar. 7, *Namoa*, for Coast Ports.  
7, *Atlanta*, for Hoihow.  
7, *Chun Tung*, Obl. R.O. for a cruise.  
7, *Diomed*, for Shanghai.  
7, *Fuyew*, for Canton.  
7, *Hwai Yum*, for Shanghai.  
7, *Atholl*, for Singapore and Penang.

## CLEARED.

*Silver Eagle*, for Saigon.  
*Essex*, for Labuan.  
*Algon*, for Hongkong.  
*Johann Smidt*, for Whampoa.

## PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.  
Per *Amazone*, for Hongkong: from Marseilles, Messrs Germain, Lopez, de Rivera, and Martin, Miss O'Neill, and Mr Palmer from Singapore; Col. Glover from Saigon; Mr and Mrs Kyle, Mr Lu Du Ding, wife and son, To Van Chau, Mr and Mrs Chan Nui and servant, and 25 Chinese.—For Shanghai: from Marseilles, Mr Burmeister, Mrs and Miss French, Mr, Delaplace,

Fathers Grandier, Epilot, Mayer, and Salotte, Sisters Louise, Gabrielle, Julie, Sophie, and Therese.—For Yokohama: from Marseilles, Mrs Kirkwood, and Mr Joustain; from Naples, Mr Bellerine; from Singapore, Messrs Lieger, and Schmale. Per *Douglas*, from Coast Ports, Mr Da Luz, and 284 Chinese deck. Per *Venice*, from Calcutta, &c., Mr Taylor, Dr. Waters, and 230 Chinese deck. Per *Fuyew*, from Shanghai, 73 Chinese. DEPARTED.

Per *Namoa*, for Swatow, Mr W. H. Taylor, Mr and Mrs Campbell, and Capt Ramsey; for Fochow, Mr Isaac Perry. Per *Atlanta*, for Hoihow, 24 Chinese; for Hainan, 17 Chinese.

Per *Diomed*, for Amoy, 150 Chinese; for Shanghai, 8 Chinese.

Per *Hwai Yum*, for Shanghai, 180 Chinese.

Per *Atholl*, for Singapore and Penang, 403 Chinese.

SHIPPING REPORTS.  
The British steamer *Douglas* reports: Left Fochow on Tuesday the March 4th, Amoy 5th, and Swatow 6th. Had fresh monsoon and rainy weather to Swatow, and from thence fresh monsoon and fine clear weather. Passed S. S. *Namoa* off Nienpin. In Fochow: H.M.S. *Sheldrake*, and S. S. *Tahyew*. In Amoy: H.M.S. *Moorehen* and *Hart*, S. S. *Courier*, *Emmy*, and *Jeddah* leaving. In Swatow: S. S. *Jeddah*, *Wenchow*, and *Yettung*.

The Chinese steamer *Fuyew* reports: First part strong Northerly winds and cloudy, latter moderate N.E. wind and fine weather.

The American ship *Golden Rule* reports: Fine weather throughout.

## POST OFFICE NOTICES.

## MAILS will close:—

For YOKOHAMA.—Per *Tanai*, at 4.30 p.m. TO-morrow, the 8th inst.

For SHANGHAI.—Per *Amazone*, at 5 p.m. TO-morrow, the 8th inst. Late letters received from 5.10 to 5.30, with 18 cents late fee.

For PORT DARWIN, COOKTOWN, SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, &c.—Per *Ocean*, at 5 p.m. TO-morrow, the 8th inst. instead of as previously notified. (Private ship rates.)

For MANILA.—Per barque *Vicenta*, at 3 p.m., on Monday, the 10th inst., instead of as previously notified.

For OLYMPIA, at 3.30 p.m., on Monday, the 10th inst.

For SWATOW, AMOY, & FOCHOW.—Per *Douglas*, at 5 p.m., on Monday, the 10th inst.

For BANGKOK.—Per *Dale*, at 4.30 p.m., on Tuesday, the 11th inst.

For SAIGON.—Per *Adria*, at 5 p.m., on Tuesday, the 11th inst.

## MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKER.

The French Contract Packet *Ada* will be despatched on SATURDAY, the 8th March, with Mails to and through the United Kingdom and Europe via Brindisi or Southampton; to the Straits Settlements, Batavia, Burmah, Ceylon, India, Aden, Egypt, Malta, and Gibraltar.

N.B.—This Packet carries no mails for the Australian Colonies, E. or S. Africa, nor for Mauritius.

## MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES PACKER.

The United States Mail Packet *Belgic*, will be despatched on MONDAY, the 17th March, with Mails for Japan, San Francisco, and the United States, which will be closed as follows:—

2.15 P.M. Registry of Letters ceases.

2.30 P.M. Post-Office closes, but Letters (except for Non-Union Countries) may be posted on board the Packet with Late Fee of 18 cents extra Postage until the time of departure.

Correspondence for Non-Union West Indies (except the Bahamas and Hayti), Monte Video, Paraguay, and Uruguay can no longer be sent by this route.

Hongkong, February 26, 1879. ml17

## MAILS BY THE TORRES STRAITS PACKET.

The Australian Contract Packet *Menmuir*, will be despatched from Hongkong, on TUESDAY, the 19th inst., with Mails for Singapore, Port Darwin, Thursday Island, Cooktown, Cleveland Bay, Bowen, Koppell Bay, Brisbane, Sydney, Tasmania, New Zealand, Fiji, and Melbourne.

Correspondence cannot be Registered after 11.15 a.m.

The Mails will be closed at 11.20. Supplementary mail on board with 18 cents late fee till time of departure.

Correspondence for Southern and Western Australia can be sent by this route if desired, but as a general rule it is better to send it via Galle.

Hongkong, March 7, 1879. ml18

## HOURS OF CLOSING.

## THE CONTRACT MAILS.

The following hours are observed in closing Mails, &c., by both the British and French Contract Packets:—

Day before departure, 5 p.m.—Money Order Office closes; Post Office closes except the Night Box, which remains open all night.

Day of departure, 7 a.m.—Post Office opens.

10 a.m.—Registry of Letters ceases. Posting of all printed matter and patterns ceases.

11 a.m.—Mails closed, except for Late Letters.

11.10 a.m.—Letters may be posted with Late Fee of 18 cents until 11.30 a.m.—when the Post Office Closes entirely.

11.40 a.m.—Late Letters may be posted on board the packet with Late Fee of 18 cents until time of departure.

## MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

## Shipping.

Noon.—French Mail leaves for Ports of Call and Europe.

Noon.—Ocean leaves for Port Darwin, &c.

5 p.m.—*Tanais* leaves for Yokohama.

6 p.m.—*Amazone* leaves for Shanghai.

6.30 p.m.—*Povan* leaves for Macao.

*Vicenta* leaves for Manila.

## Meeting.

8 p.m.—Meeting of United Service Lodge.

## General Memoranda.

MONDAY, March 10:—

2 p.m.—*Olympia* leaves for Manila.

3 p.m.—Meeting of Shareholders of The Chinese Insurance Co., Limited, at No. 39, Queen's Road.

4 p.m.—*Emeralda* leaves for Manila.

Transfer Books of The Chinese Insurance Co., Ltd., closed from this date to 24th March, inclusive.

*Alida Bess* leaves for Portland Oregon. Goods per *Glenorchy* undelivered after this date subject to rent.

TUESDAY, March 11:—

Daylight.—*Douglas* leaves for Coast Ports.

11 a.m.—Sale of Sundries at Naval Yard.

WEDNESDAY, March 12:—

9 p.m.—Meeting of St. John's Lodge.

FRIDAY, March 14:—

Goods per *Amazone* undelivered after Noon, subject to rent and landing charges.



A woman applied for the protection of the Court from her husband or rather her master, who she said had stabbed her. Her clothes had saved her from bodily injury, as she wore an innumerable number of jackets, and she showed a cut which had penetrated through two or three of them. The same man had been bound over not long since to keep the peace towards his first wife. Mr. O'neill ordered a warrant to be issued for the man's arrest.

The *Whitehall Review*, of Jan. 25th, has the following paragraph:—

"We learn from Hongkong that Mr. Pope Hennessy, C.M.G., will visit England during the summer for a short tour of leave, and that Major-General E. W. Donovan will administer the Government in his absence."

—There never was a Governor before the present concerning whom so many rumours got about as to what he was and what he was not to do. Mr. Hennessy, if all accounts are true (which they are not), was bound for England, New South Wales, Manila, Singapore, and Japan at one and the same time. What a restless being our Governor must be! We believe, however, he is going to Japan.

Our Macao correspondent writes this morning as follows:—

A daring and treacherous act of piracy was perpetrated, shortly after one o'clock this morning, under the very guns of the Portuguese fort of S. Pedro, and the windows of the Government House. The particulars, as far as I can learn, in so short a space of time, are that a sampan with five ruffians, armed with revolvers and knives, boarded a fishing boat lying abreast the Praya Grande for the night, overpowered the crew, cut the cables and took the boat to a place called Ka-keang in the mainland of China, and there the pirates abandoned her, after having ransacked her of everything worth robbing. The owner of the boat was found dead on board, another man and a woman were badly wounded, and the rest of the crew kept locked under the hatches. All this occurred in about 16 minutes or less, and the plan was carried out in such a quiet and masterly manner that may defy the best police in the world to frustrate. Our launches soon brought the boat back, to their great credit, and the wounded were taken care of immediately. However annoyed our energetic Governor must be at this outrageous occurrence, what can he possibly do against the machinations of these Wing Lok Street murderers?

BOOKED FOR HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI:—*Per Andrey*, Feb. 9:—Mr. Fred. Stewart, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas, Mr. Jas. Hay, Mr. A. C. Marshall, for Hongkong. H. E. Kuo and suite, Sister Thib. 6se, Mr. H. B. Brady, Mr. Pearce, for Shanghai.

*Peiho*, Feb. 23:—Mr. and Mrs. Kleinwachter, for Hongkong. Miss Vogler, Mr. and Mrs. Rodwald, Mr. Gustave Peters, Mr. W. F. Sharp, for Shanghai.

*Sindh*, March 9:—Mr. Max d'Hauterive, for Hongkong. Mr. P. Evans, Mr. R. Kuki, for Shanghai.

*Ironadddy*, March 23:—Mr. Chas. Kahn, for Hongkong.

*Kaiser-Rind*, Jan. 23:—Mrs. Thebaud and two children, for Hongkong. Mr. H. D. McKie, for Shanghai.

*Australia*, Feb. 6:—Miss Walker, Comdr. S. H. Richmond, for Hongkong.

*Poonah*, March 6:—Mr. T. B. Elliott, for Hongkong.

*Sargodon*, Jan. 21:—Mr. Pulsford, for Hongkong.

Lieut. General Lord Chelmsford, K.O.B., commanding Her Majesty's forces in South Africa, is an officer of considerable experience. His lordship, then the Hon. F. A. Thesiger, being the son of Lord Chelmsford, once Lord Chancellor of England, entered the army as a subaltern in 1844, served with the Grenadier Guards from the 31st of May, 1855, including the siege and fall of Sebastopol, where he earned the Brevet of Major, medal with clasp, the Sardinian and Turkish medals, and the fifth class of the Medjidie. Subsequently he served with the 95th Regiment in the Indian campaign and received another medal. In 1858 he was Deputy Adjutant General of the expeditionary force to Abyssinia, where he was present at the capture of Magdala, and had the honour of being mentioned in despatches for his "great ability and untiring energy." He was then made a C.B., and was decorated with another Medal. Lord Chelmsford is fifty-two years of age.

It will be remembered that at one of the earliest meetings of the Straits Branch of the Asiatic Society Dr. Denny read a paper "On Breeding Pearls" which caused some amusement as well as general incredulity. Dr. Denny cited in his interesting paper local testimony both positive and negative as to the fact. The question appears to have excited scientific attention at home. A short time ago *Atlas* in the *World* had the following paragraph upon the subject:—

"Do pearls breed? This question is exciting no small interest to the scientific mind at the present moment. Frank Buckland has had some specimens of breeding pearls sent to him from Borneo, and confesses himself fairly puzzled. Any one able to throw light upon the subject is requested to communicate with him at 37, Albany-street, Regent's Park. The pearls resemble the common seed pearls, and are kept in a glass tube with some grains of rice to feed upon." Three of these pearls have now

elapsed since they were despatched on their journey, and the rice has all the appearance of having been partially eaten. A curious speck in the grain of rice almost suggests that the germ—whatever it may be—is deposited in the rice. I heard of breeding pearls twenty-five years ago from a lady who had some; but I never actually saw any before."

We quote this to show that the question is not so ridiculous as a good many people imagine, but one of scientific interest. It is one also which we hope some of our readers may have been tempted to solve since the reading of Dr. Denny's paper.—*Straits Times*.

(*L. and C. Express*, Jan. 24th.)

The *Tyne*, 2, troop and store ship, Comdr. L. B. Solly, at Chatham, is ordered to undergo a thorough overhaul. The *Tyne* is a new vessel. She was only purchased last year, and was hurriedly fitted out and despatched with troops and stores to the Cape, and during the passage various defects have been discovered, both in her hull and engines. The work is expected to occupy some time, but the vessel will not be put out of commission. Directions have been given for petty officers and men to be selected from the receiving depots to recommission four ships at present on the China station. These ships are the *Lily*, *Sheldrake*, and *Moorken*, commissioned at Devonport in August 1875; December 1875, and February 1876, respectively, and the *Mosquito*, originally commissioned at Devonport in October 1872, and recommissioned at Hongkong in April 1876. The new crews will be sent to Hongkong in the *Tyne* as soon as she is ready for this service, and the present crews will be brought home in the same vessel.

The appointment of Superintending Engineer of Works at Yokohama, which has been held for a number of years by Captain Bridgford, R.M.A., is not to be filled on the retirement of that officer. The duty of keeping the Government establishments in repair will devolve upon the officer in charge of the Hospital and Victualling Depot.

Captain Thomas E. Smith will leave England on the 20th proximo, to relieve Commodore G. W. Watson, as senior naval officer at Hongkong.

The appointment of Assistant-Paymaster J. J. Clow to the *Porpoise* on the China Station is gazetted.

The contemplated despatch of six river-boats of the *Medina* class to China will be a valuable auxiliary to the naval force on that station. As these vessels only draw from six to seven feet of water, they will be able to navigate with ease to our nearest treaty port on the Yangtze. The armament is powerful, and the accommodation for officers good, but that for men is indifferent, considering they are to be employed in so hot a climate. It is said that in either hot or cold weather these little vessels are not only uncomfortable, but positively unhealthy. Being built entirely of iron they are exceedingly hot in summer, the cabins and wards resembling hothouses, and in winter they are extremely wet from the condensation of moisture upon the iron sides and decks. Orders have been given to add a poop and to coat the decks and sides with cork composition to those under despatch to China in order to remedy, as far as possible, the evils and discomforts complained of. It is doubtful, however, whether wood planking will not be necessary. These gunboats are 110 feet in length, by thirty-four in beam, of 363 tons, and with engines of an indicated horsepower of 310.

The *Felic* and *Kestrel*, on the China station, which will have completed a three years' commission, may either be recommissioned on the station or be relieved by the river gunboats.

The proposals of Comdr. Cheyne for a Polar expedition, in which balloons should be used as a means for reaching the Pole, are under the consideration of the executive committee of the Royal Geographical Society. It is something that the ideas of Comdr. Cheyne should have met with favour from so experienced an aviator as Captain Templer, who not only supports the project, but is ready to accompany the expedition whenever it shall be equipped.

The appointments are gazetted of Lieut. A. W. Torlesse to the *Lily*; P. Hewitt (sub.) to the *Moorken*; Navigating Sub-Lieutenants C. O. Jeffery to the *Mosquito*; and L. Lancelot to the *Moorken*.

Francis Bissan, third officer of Holt's London and China steamer *Ajao*, was killed this morning by falling down the main hold of the ship at Greenock.

Our Hamburg correspondent says:—It is not unlikely that we may be shortly involved in a "difficulty" with Japan, the Government of which country intends to abrogate all export duties, and as an equivalent to raise the duties on all imports. This measure would at once put an end to all trade between Germany and Japan, as the articles at present sent to Japan from this country (especially Saxony and the Rhine) chiefly consist of gloves, stockings, linen, and cloth, for which the prices are so very low that they would not be able to bear an increase of the Customs duty. As Germany, since 1872, has had a treaty with Japan, the mercantile world intends to submit a motion to the Government to take the steps necessary to prevent the contemplated action of the Japanese Government.

Latest Mail Advertisements.—Yokohama (via San Fran.) Dec. 11, Shanghai 6, Poonah 4, Hongkong 12. The advices about as above, from China and the Straits Settlements, were received by the French Mail, via Marseilles, on the 18th inst., two days early, and from Japan, via San Francisco, on the 22nd inst. The next inward P. and O. mail, bringing dates Yokohama 15th, Shanghai 15th, Hongkong 21st, Singapore 23rd Dec., left Brindisi yesterday, and will reach London on its due date, the 27th inst. The following French mail, with a week's later dates reached Suez, per Messageries Maritimes steamer *Peiho*, on the 22nd inst., two days early. The steamer *Australia*, with the heavy portion of last inward P. and O. mail, arrived at Southampton on the 18th inst.

We understand that Mr. Hughes, Consul at Hankow, whose resignation we announced lately, will leave China in April. Mr. A. S. Harvey has resigned on a pension of £138. There, as well as the posts vacated by Mr. Pedder, Mr. King, and the late Mr. Mayers, we trust, will be filled up immediately on arrival of Mr. Thomas Wade in China, as the juniors in turn for promotion have already been kept out of their duty for an unreasonable time. It is very important that public servants in such extreme climates should be promptly promoted whenever the opportunity is open to the Foreign Office.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL."

March 7, 1879.

SIR,—As a member of one of the teams engaged, in the final tug yesterday, may I request sufficient space in your paper, to express my disgust, (and I may safely say, that of many others), at the vulgarity displayed by your morning contemporary in recording the event.

Surely it would have been as easy, (it would certainly have been in better taste), to have printed "Germana" or "Teutonia" instead of "Sour Kraut," and "Scotch" instead of "Porridge," and the change would assuredly have been appreciated by those interested.

Mr. Legge too would doubtless like to know why he is placed "in loco parentis" to his team. He has a sturdy lot of boys.

Yours, &c.,  
WHISKY "LAZER BREE."

## Police Intelligence.

(Both Magistrates Sitting.)

March 7, 1879.

## AN ABSURD CASE.

Lum Awan, a gardener, was charged with the larceny of certain building materials, the property of Mr. Granville Sharp. Mr. Sharp stated that he was the agent for some property belonging to Mr. Chater at Sook-tong-tan. The defendant had been a tenant for about three years and had paid the rent monthly. Yesterday he (Mr. Sharp) went to the house occupied by the defendant, and found him pulling down some of the building and superintending the removal of the tiles of the roof, and the wood-work; he had no authority from witness to remove the materials, and witness, therefore, charged him with stealing them. The defendant stated, in defence, that he built the house himself, and Mr. Sharp was continually increasing his rent. Finding this to be the case, and the rent becoming too high (\$9 per month), he told the complainant that he could not afford to keep on the place, and that he should take the building down and remove his things. The complainant said he might do so.

Mr. Creagh said he was surprised at Mr. Sharp bringing such a case before him. The man had a perfect right to remove his own property, and that, if any action did lie, it was a civil action and not a criminal one.

## A SUSPICIOUS CASE.

Chan Aisan, a servant, was charged by his mistress, Lily Lamb, residing at Hollywood Road, a single woman, with having embezzled the sum of \$35. It would appear that the defendant had been sent to collect bills, and had failed to account for \$35. The complainant appeared before Mr. Creagh, and stated that, from information which she had received, she had reason to believe that money was lost by the defendant, and she therefore applied to be allowed to withdraw the charge. The defendant was therefore discharged.

## LARCENY.

Chung Woh Li, a coolie, was charged with stealing coal from a godown at Wandah. He was caught in the act by P. C. 167. Sentenced to 14 days' imprisonment with hard labour.

## DAMAGING FLOWERS.

So Ayung, a married woman, was fined 50 cents for damaging some flowers in the Public Gardens.

## BURGLARY.

Mak Asan, a coolie, was committed for trial on a charge of being found by night in a dwelling-house at Chung Wo Lane for a supposed unlawful purpose.

## THE NOTED WONG ABAN.

Wong Asan, a boatman, and an old boarder at Victoria Gaol, was charged by Sergeant Toomey with returning from a detention. There were upwards of a dozen convictions against Mr. Asan and he had been deported no less than four times. On the last occasion the deportation warrant was signed by Governor Hennessy, and was dated 2nd December 1878. He was sentenced to 5 years' penal servitude the last time he figured at the Supreme Court, and after serving 14 days was let out for being one of the fortunate prisoners ordered to attend on the Yesso sufferers. The case was remanded till to-morrow.

## THE "KATE WATERS" TRAGEDY.

All, Seebin, Brahun, Asan, Kitchell, and Hon, seamen belonging to the late *buque Kate Waters*, were charged on remand with the murder of W. P. Geese, master; Christopher Bow, mate; and Henry Baden, 2nd mate, of the late British *buque Kate Waters*, on the high seas, on about the 6th November 1878, and also with piratically taking the vessel.

Umar was sworn in as Interpreter in Siamese and Malay, and Mr. Li Hung Mei as Interpreter in Malay, Chinese and English. Mr. F. J. Macdonald, 2nd clerk at the Harbour Office, presided over the clearing of the vessel here on the 14th October last. She cleared for Poonah with ballast and sundry cargo.

Mr. M. O. de Rozario, the agent for the owners of the vessel—Cowellshaw Brothers of Sydney—stated that there were about 500 boxes of oil valued at \$3,000 belonging to his firm and consigned to Sydney.

Lumbah, a licensed boarding-house-keeper, provided shipping the 4th defendant on board the *Kate Waters*.

Mr. D. C. Travers, a clerk to the Borneo Co., deposed to his firm having shipped some bales of hemp, China matting, bags of rice and rattans to the value of \$9,000, for Sydney, on board the unfortunate vessel.

All Mustin, a licensed boarding-house-keeper, No. 30, Lower Macao Row, identified all the prisoners as having belonged to the *Kate Waters*.

Maah, a Sergeant of the Labuan Police, deposed to the prisoners having been taken to Labuan from Zulu on the 29th January in custody, together with sundry articles forming part of the furniture of the *Kate Waters*.

Witnesses brought the defendants and the man Peter to this Colony, by virtue of a warrant.

Peter Auguston, a native of Mauritius, deposed:—I know all the defendants. I was shipmaster with 2nd 3rd and 6th defendants before, and I stayed with them at Allie's boarding-house. About 6 months ago I shipped with defendants and three others on board the *Kate Waters*, which was bound to Poonah and Sydney. I was made boatswain whilst the vessel lay at Green Island. When we had been beating up against a head wind for about 15 days, the Captain took to drinking; we were then to

leeward of Formosa and the Captain began to "illuminate" the men. He used to beat all hands with a piece of rope once or twice a day, but he never beat me or the other officers. He used to be under the influence of drink all day, but knew what he was doing. The mate and 2nd mate used to abuse but never beat the men. The Captain used to beat the men before he took to drinking, but after he took to drinking he beat them more. The men had been on deck till midnight, when the Captain told me to tell them they might go to sleep. The 1st defendant at that time was on the "look-out," and the 3rd defendant was at the wheel. I went straight to my bed and went to sleep, the other men being in the forecastle smoking. At about 4.30 a.m. I was awakened by the slamming of the forecastle door. I saw then that all the other men had gone out, and I came out, as I thought it was the Captain nailing up the door. The Captain sometimes nailed the forecastle door up when there was work to do so as to prevent the crew from going in. The yards were sharp braced up when I went to bed. Some of the men were handling the ropes about the deck and some were up aloft. I asked the 5th prisoner, John, where we were going to, and he said to Hongkong. I said, "Who gave you the order?" He replied "We've got our own orders now." I asked him where the Captain was, and he said, "You've got no business to say anything." And he said "If you don't shut up we'll do you just the same as the others." I said nothing; I did not really know what they had done with the Captain, but I saw blood on the fore part of the main hatch, and I thought there was something wrong, but said no more. I asked a China boy where the Captain was, and he said the crew had killed him, and the mate was dead just the same. The fifth defendant said whilst fighting with another man—a Malay who is not here—"If we did not kill the Captain we should have had plenty beat." Before the deck was washed by the fifth prisoner (John) said, "Come into the cabin," and when we were all in there, he said "See there now, we're going to have coffee on the table just like the Captain." After we had had our coffee he said "Now let us get all the blood off the deck." The 1st, 4th and 5th prisoners then overhauled the cabin to see if they got any money; they did not get much, only \$35.50. The 4th prisoner took charge of the money. The 1st and 6th prisoners and another man who has run away got two swords from the cabin, and began to sharpen them on the grind stone. After they sharpened the swords they killed them. The ship was running before the wind for four days. The 4th and 5th prisoners then had command of the ship, the 6th defendant said he knew the Malay coast well. The 4th defendant said "Where you go I'll go," and the 6th defendant gave the course S. by W. We then went East for four days, when we arrived in sight of Palawan and dropped anchor. The 4th and 5th defendants then ordered the carpenter (a Chinaman) to go down below and cut a hole in the ship; the carpenter obeyed. The 6th defendant then turned to me and ordered me to go down and lend the carpenter a hand. I objected to go, and he said "If you don't I will kill you." He had a knife in his hand at the time, and being afraid for my life I went down. The other men were getting the boat ready. All the crew, including three Chinese and myself, or thirteen in all, got into the boat. When the ship went down at about 6 p.m. we went on shore, and saw a native who was attracted towards us by seeing our ship go down.

Witness then related how they got on shore, and how the defendants killed the three Chinese: the fifth defendant chopped at the cook with an axe whilst he was stooping down, and witness seeing this ran and hid himself. Then the others left the island, all being armed and under the impression that witness would die of hunger. Witness got away in a passing boat and was taken to a place called Bangkok, and there saw the 9 men; the Governor of the place wanted to kill the prisoners at once, but Peter told him not to do so, as the English law would require them to be tried first. The Governor then placed witness in a cage, as the natives would have murdered him if they had seen him. He remained in the cage for 28 days, and the Governor gave him a note, together with a note sent to Labuan, together with a note which had seen the 5th defendant kill the cook. This man was examined before the Governor of Labuan, but he was not sent here.

The case was then remanded till Monday next, the 10th instant.

## SUPREME COURT.

IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.

(Before His Honor Mr. Justice Snowden.)

March 7, 1879.

McGinness v. Cain, \$918.—This was a claim for six months' wages, Hospital expenses, and board and lodging. The case was adjourned from last Tuesday and continued to-day. Mr. Denny appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr. Wotton for the defendant. It may be remembered that the plaintiff had been employed as 2nd engineer on board the S. S. *Pendo*, of which the defendant was the master. The plaintiff got injured in the service of the ship during a typhoon, and had to be left behind in Hospital here, and was discharged by consent of Mr. Lording, the shipping master, on the authority of a medical certificate, and without, as it was alleged, the consent of the plaintiff, who had since recovered and offered himself for duty on board the vessel.

Mr. Goosmann, a clerk at Messrs Melchers & Co.'s, the Agents of the steamer, was called, and gave evidence as to what had transpired between him and the plaintiff. The plaintiff, he said, had signed his account of wages as correct; if the plaintiff said that he refused to be discharged and that he wished to rejoin the ship when he got well, he (Mr. Goosmann) did not remember him saying so.

Mr. Wotton addressed the Court for the defence, and contended that the plaintiff had been properly discharged, having been brought back to the port at which he shipped. The learned counsel contended further, that the Captain of the *Pendo* did not have authority to pay the money for the owners. He admitted that the Agents had given a guarantee for the amount used for in order to release the ship, but that would not prejudice the owners. Mr. Lording, he urged, had acted in accordance with the rules of the Board of Trade and universal custom.

Mr. Denny said that Messrs Melchers had given a guarantee for the amount, that it be (Mr. Denny) had liked to could have seized the ship and proceeded with the suit

In Admiralty, but that this would have made the costs much heavier. Messrs Melchers, he said, could not nor would not repudiate their guarantee, as, apart from the dishonourable nature of such a proceeding, it would give rise to great complications in any future cases which were nearly sure to arise. In any case they could seize the ship the next time she came here and proceed in Admiralty. Mr. Denny then continued to say that Mr. Wotton had put the matter properly when he said the whole question was as to the legality of the discharge. He referred to sub-section 1 of Section 228 of the Merchant Shipping Act, and submitted that it was only supplementary, and referring to the last clause in the section, pointed out that the plaintiff was in reality only temporarily removed. The Shipping Master, he contended, could not discharge a man without a reason, and as the plaintiff was only temporarily removed a doctor's certificate was not a sufficient reason. If the man had been left behind a week before the articles expired, he would have been properly discharged at the end of the six months. He referred to the distinction which had been drawn in the *Commonwealth* case between being left behind and inability to proceed. The plaintiff in the present case had done all he could to rejoin the ship, but his services had been refused, and he had a perfect right to sue for the whole six months' wages and other expenses the moment the Captain refused to receive him on board. He quoted *Parsons* in support of his argument. The shipping officer had been unable to allow any authority for discharging a man on a medical certificate; all the authorities he had quoted referred simply to leaving behind. The Board of Trade rules must accord with the Merchant Shipping Act, or they were useless. The learned counsel also called Mr. Lording's attention to the plaintiff's state of health at the time he signed his account of wages, and also reminded his Lordship that there was a section of the Merchant Shipping Act which provided that a seaman's legal rights should not be prejudiced by his signing any document, and that even if the plaintiff had consented to his being discharged, which he did not, the discharge must be a legal one or would not be binding.

His Lordship reserved judgment.

## China.

FOOCHOW.

(*Herald*, Feb. 27th.)

A Christy Ministerial entertainment is again on the tapis. We are glad of this, as the efforts of our able friends have hitherto given unmixed pleasure to the community.

The Right Reverend Bishop Burdon, accompanied by the Rev. Messrs Barry, and Lloyd, started on the 25th instant, on a visit to the stations of the Church Missionary Society in Liang-kong, Li-nguon, Ning-tai, and Ku-cheng. They expect to be absent for a fortnight.

At the auction of Messrs Olyphant & Co.'s Tea stock on the 21st inst., several lots of Congou are said to have been knocked down at prices considerably in excess of the original cost. Yet, we hear that Fookchow leaf is being sold in London at what Cockney tea-sellers term an "awful sacrifice!"

We hear that the attempt to organize a second paper chase has proved unsuccessful. About six athletes—the bulk of whom have resided in China for periods of from 6 to 14 years—inscribed their names on the list. Younger blood, it is rumoured, would not risk another defeat. Why, may it be asked, are these things "thrusty?"

On dit:—That Mr. Ho Aloy, the distinguished "legal adviser" to the Provincial Government of Fokien, has resigned his post in favor of an eminent Queen's Counsel. Mr. Ho Aloy is, we further understand, prepared to continue his lectures on the noble science of flag-shuey, and to demonstrate—non-sequitur—that the destruction of the mission house at Wu-shih-shan was purely accidental!

The following letter (which we reproduce verbatim et literatim) was received a few days ago by a foreign resident at this port. It is certainly a curiosity in its way:—

"JOE COMPANY'S OFFICE.  
"Sir,—How are you? Have you heard that you got one small of steamer, sometime you have got rent for anybody's, ten dollars in one day, kindly you get rent me too in a month, because as me relation be like to rent it, how money do you rent him one month, if you like send back an answer for me I will stop here to wait.  
Yours truly  
H. H. . . . tailor man"

We are informed that the friend of this intelligent professor of the sartorial art required the launch to proceed to Suez Kow daily; and further, that the enquiry did not lead to business, the "small of steamer" being open to charter as usual.

An unusually large congregation assembled at the British Episcopal Church on Sunday morning last, to witness the ordination service which was announced in our columns last week. A portion of the morning service was read, after which a sermon was preached by the Right Reverend J. S. Burdon, D. D., Bishop of Victoria, from Acts 11:26—"And the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch." After which the solemn service for the "Ordaining of Priests" was read, and the Rev. W. Stewart and Rev. L. Lloyd were duly ordained by the Bishop, who was assisted in the laying on of hands by the Rev. Mr. Barry, of Calcutta, the Rev. W. W. Hawkins, and the Rev. J. R. Wolfe, all of whom likewise took part in the other morning services. The Ordination Service was followed by the Holy Communion, which was participated in by a goodly number of communicants.

A destructive fire occurred on the Island of Changchow, between the two bridges leading citywards, on the evening of Saturday last, the 22nd instant. Cause:—*Joss-pig-ding*. The flames were first noticed at about 5.45 p.m., and proceeded from a shop situated on the main thoroughfare of the island, the inmates of which had a short time before suspended a number of lighted candles in front of the family altar. These candles seem to have been placed in too close proximity to the rafters, and the consequence was soon apparent in the flames which burst forth through the roof and spread with great rapidity to the adjoining houses. Nearly all the buildings right and left of the main street were destroyed, and only a few houses in the line of fire were saved by the surrounding firewalls. The estimated loss of property is about \$150,000.

Regarding the Wu-shih-shan affair we have no further reliable information. The legends are dark and mysterious, and the press of law equally so in regard to the coming action. But dame rumour asserts that the lawyers have full plenipotentiary powers from the provincial authorities, and that they are trying to arrange matters amicably,—of course with a view to two main points, viz: the condonation of the act of incendiarism, and the removal of the mission premises from Wu-shih-shan. But in this, they are, we believe, doomed to disappointment. Matters have already gone too far, and the battle must be fought out on the pure merits of the case alone. By the bye, it would be interesting to know whether the heavy legal fees in this case are guaranteed by the native officials or by the trustees of the Taou Shan Kwan Temple? Our impression is that both parties are clients; and if our surmises are correct there will not it is certain be any difficulty in obtaining witnesses to swear that black is white. Manarindom knows how to manage these little affairs. Have we not the Nawett case fresh in our memories?

## SHANGHAI.

(*News*.)

Shortly before three o'clock on Saturday morning (Mar. 1) a foreign constable discovered the Metropolitan Hotel, on the Broadway, Hongkong, to be on fire. He entered the building with the view of alarming the inmates, but could find no one, and a native constable appearing on the scene he was despatched to give information at the Police Station. The alarm was then sounded, and, in the meantime, the police, with their extinguishers, proceeded to the scene of the fire, but the flames had spread so rapidly that their services were of little avail. All the fire brigades turned out with praise-worthy promptitude, but on their arrival the main building was all ablaze, and consequently their exertions were mainly devoted to saving the adjoining property, in which they were successful. The Metropolitan Hotel itself was completely gutted. The only articles that remained intact were two fire-proof safes, and so intense was the heat they resisted that several dollars which they contained were blackened and the inscriptions slightly effaced. The furniture was all destroyed, and nothing remains of the building but the bare walls. How the fire occurred is involved in mystery, but it is said to have originated from the ignition of woodwork near a stove in one of the centre rooms. Mr. Murphy, the proprietor of the Hotel, was absent at the time, and his servants were sleeping in a disconnected portion of the building which was saved.

## Quotations.

HONGKONG, March 7, 1879.

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"	" credit, ..	"
"	New Malwa, cash, ..	800
"	" credit, ..	"
"	Allowance Teloe, ..	"
"	Old Malwa, cash, ..	"
"	" credit, ..	"
"	Allowance Teloe, ..	800

## Exchange.

Bank, Wire, ..	3/6
" 30 days' sight, ..	3/6
" 6 months' sight, ..	3/7
Credits, ..	3/7 1/2
Documentary, 6 months' sight, ..	3/7 1/2
India, Wire, ..	21 1/2
" demand, ..	220
Shanghai, demand, ..	72 1/2
" 80 days' sight, ..	73
Bar Silver, 17 dwts. B., ..	100 1/2
Sycee, ..	109
Mexicans, ..	2 1/2 c.
Gold Leaf, 99 1/2 touch, ..	



## Mails.

## NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.  
PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANÇAIS.

STEAM FOR  
SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,  
POINT DE GALLE,  
ADEN, SUEZ, ISMAILIA, PORT  
SAID, NAPLES, AND  
MARSEILLES;  
ALSO,  
PONDICHERRY, MADRAS, CALCUTTA  
AND ALL INDIAN PORTS.

ON SATURDAY, the 8th March, 1879,  
at Noon, the Company's S. S.  
A V A, Commandant RABATEL, with  
MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and  
CARGO, will leave this Port for the  
above places.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for  
London as well as for Marseilles, and ac-  
cepted in transit through Marseilles for  
the principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted until  
Noon.

Cargo will be received on board until  
4 p.m., Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m.  
on the 7th March, 1879. (Parcels are  
not to be sent on board; they must be left  
at the Agency's Office.)

Contents and value of Packages are re-  
quired.

For further particulars, apply at the  
Company's Office.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,  
Agent.

Hongkong, February 25, 1879. ma8



## STEAM FOR

SINGAPORE, PENANG, POINT DE  
GALLE, ADEN, SUEZ, MALTA,  
BRINDISI, ANCONA, VENICE, MEDI-  
TERRANEAN PORTS, SOUTH-  
AMPTON, AND LONDON;

ALSO,  
BOMBAY, MADRAS, CALCUTTA, AND  
AUSTRALIA.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM  
NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steamship  
GEELENG, Captain C. FRASER, will leave  
this Port SATURDAY, the 15th March, at  
Noon.

For further Particulars, apply to  
A. MEYER, Superintendent.

Hongkong, March 1, 1879. ma15

Occidental & Oriental Steam-  
Ship Company.

TAKING THROUGH CARGO AND  
PASSENGERS FOR THE UNITED  
STATES AND EUROPE,

IN CONNECTION WITH THE  
CENTRAL

and  
UNION PACIFIC AND CONNECTING  
RAILROAD COMPANIES

AND  
ATLANTIC STEAMERS.

THE S. S. BELGIO will be despatched  
for San Francisco via Yokohama,  
on MONDAY, the 17th day of March, 1879,  
at 3 p.m., taking Cargo and Passengers to  
Japan, the United States and Europe.

Connection is made at Yokohama, with  
Steamers from Shanghai.

Freight will be received on Board until  
4 p.m. of the 16th March. PARCEL  
PACKAGES will be received at the Office  
until 5 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages  
should be marked to address in full; value  
of same is required.

A Reduction is made on RETURN PAS-  
SAGE TICKETS.

For further information as to Freight  
on Passage, apply to the Agency of the  
Company, No. 37, Queen's Road Central.

G. B. EMORY, Agent.

Hongkong, February 20, 1879. ma17

Volume Seventh of the  
"CHINA REVIEW."

Now Ready.

No. 3.—Vol. VII.

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"CHINA REVIEW"

CONTAINS—

Sketches from the Book of Rites,  
Geographical Notes on the Province of  
Kiangsi.

Ethnological Sketches from the Dawn of  
History.

Coins of the "Ta-tsing" Dynasty.

The Critical Disquisitions of Wang Ch'ung.

The Ballads of the Shi-king.

Translations of Chinese School-books.

Tone and Vocal Modification in the  
Yueh-chow Dialect.

Legislation and Law in Ancient China.

A Fable for "Pan-kwai."

Short Notices of New Books and Literary  
Intelligence.

Notes and Queries—  
Taxes on Industries in Canton.  
A Bit of Folk-lore about Candles,  
Lamps and Fire.  
Legends on Chinese Porcelain.  
Tame Birds.  
To make a Tui (Antithesis).  
"Respect This."  
The Army of Kwangtung.  
Gutta Serena in China.  
Chinese Dialects.  
"Confucius, Losing a Horse in the  
Desert."

Books Wanted, Exchanges, &c.  
China Mail Office,  
Hongkong, January 21, 1879.

## To Let.

## TO LET.

GREEN MOUNT,  
Possession on or before 15th May.  
Apply to  
GILMAN & Co.  
Hongkong, March 4, 1879.

## TO LET.

PORTION of a HOUSE, very suitable  
for OFFICES and DWELLING, also  
for a STORE, Queen's Road Central.  
Possession 1st March next.  
Apply to  
LANDSTEIN & Co.  
Hongkong, February 4, 1879.

## TO LET.

IN the Houses on MARINE LOT 65,  
formerly known as the Blue Houses,  
situate on Praya East:—  
FIRST FLOORS of Nos. 2 and 4,  
Praya East.

As also,  
A FRONT and BACK ROOM in the  
Dwelling to the eastward of the Pier,  
with part of its spacious Verandah. Imme-  
diate Possession.

## TO LET.

FIRST CLASS GRANITE GODOWNS,  
attached to Blue Houses at Wanchoi,  
MARINE LOT 65.

Also,  
A SPACIOUS TIMBER YARD, close  
to the Wanchoi Pier. Timber received on  
Storage or the Yard Rented.

For further particulars, apply to  
MEYER & Co.

Hongkong, March 4, 1879.

## TO BE LET.

TWO Excellent STONE-FLOORED  
GODOWNS, on Marine Lot No. 10,  
Praya Central.

Apply to  
TURNER & Co.  
Hongkong, August 1, 1878.

## TO LET.

FIRST-CLASS OFFICES and GO-  
DOWNS, Nos. 54 and 60,  
Praya Central.

Apply to  
WO HANG,  
Nos. 6 and 7, Praya West.

Hongkong, January 2, 1879.

## NOTICES OF FIRMS.

THE INTEREST and RESPONSIBILITY of  
Mr F. GROBLER in our Firm  
CEASES To-day.

SANDER & Co.  
Hongkong, March 1, 1879.

## NOTICE.

THE INTEREST and RESPONSIBILITY of  
Mr WALTER SCOTT FITZ, in our  
Firm in Hongkong and China, CEASES on  
the 31st December last.

Mr CHARLES VINCENT SMITH is  
admitted a Partner from this Date.

RUSSELL & Co.  
Hongkong, January 1, 1879. jyl

## NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of the  
Undersigned in the Chinese Mail,  
華字日報 (Wah Tze Yat Po),  
CEASES from the 1st August, 1877, but  
Debts prior to that Date will be received  
and paid by him.

CHUN AYIN,  
Hongkong, April 6, 1878.

## NOTICE.

IN Reference to the above, the Under-  
signed has LEASED the Chinese Mail  
from the 1st August, 1877, and has engaged  
the services of Mr LEONG YOOK CHUN,  
as Translator and General Manager of the  
newspaper, which under its new régime  
will be found to be, as hitherto, an ex-  
cellent medium for advertising, especially  
as the Manager is able to devote his whole  
attention to the conduct of the Newspaper.

KONG CHIM,  
Lessee of the Hongkong Chinese Mail.  
Hongkong, April 6, 1878.

## INSURANCES.

CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY,  
(LIMITED.)

NOTICE

POLICIES granted at current rates on  
Marine Risks to all parts of the World  
in accordance with the Company's Articles  
of Association. Two Thirds of the Profits  
are distributed annually to Contributors  
whether Shareholders or not, in proportion  
to the net amount of Premium contributed  
by each, the remaining third being carried  
to Reserve Fund.

J. BRADLEE SMITH,  
General Agent.

Hongkong, December 9, 1878.

## QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE

COMPANY.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant  
Policies against Fire to the extent of  
\$45,000 on Buildings, or on Goods stored  
therein, at current local rates, subject to a  
Discount of 20% on the Premium.

NORTON & Co.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, January 1, 1879.

## INSURANCES.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE  
COMPANY, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

AGENCIES at all the Treaty Ports of  
China and Japan, and at Singapore,  
Saigon and Penang.

Risks accepted, and Policies of Insurance  
granted at the rates of Premium current at  
the above mentioned Ports.

NO CHARGE FOR POLICY FEES.

JAS. B. COUGHTRIE,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, November 1, 1871.

THE LONDON ASSURANCE

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER

of

His Majesty King George The First,

A. D. 1720.

THE Undersigned having been appointed  
Agents for the above Corporation are  
prepared to grant Insurances as follows:—

Marine Department.  
Policies at current rates payable either  
here, in London or at the principal Ports  
of India, China and Australia.

Fire Department.  
Policies issued for long or short periods at  
current rates. A discount of 20% allowed.

Life Department.  
Policies issued for sums not exceeding  
£5,000 at reduced rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.

Hongkong, July 25, 1872.

MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE

COMPANY OF

MANCHESTER AND LONDON.

ESTABLISHED 1824.

Capital of the Company £1,000,000 Sterling  
of which is paid up £ 100,000  
Reserve Fund upwards of £ 120,000  
Annual Income £ 250,000

THE Undersigned have been appointed  
Agents for the above Company at  
Hongkong, Canton, Foochow, Shanghai,  
and Hankow, and are prepared to grant  
Insurances at current rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.

Hongkong, October 15, 1868.

SWISS LLOYD

TRANSPORT INSURANCE COMPANY

OF WINTERTHUR.

THE Undersigned having been appointed  
Agents for the above Company, have  
this Day taken over charge of the Hong-  
kong Agency, and are prepared to grant  
INSURANCE on MARINE RISKS at Current  
Rates to all parts of the World.

MEYER & Co.

Hongkong, February 10, 1879.

THE SCOTTISH IMPERIAL INSURANCE

COMPANY.

THE Undersigned having been appointed  
AGENTS in Hongkong for the above-  
named Company, are prepared to Grant  
Policies against FIRE on Buildings and  
on Goods to the extent of \$50,000, at the  
usual Rates, subject to an immediate Dis-  
count of 20 per cent.

Attention is invited to a considerable  
reduction in Premium for Life Insurances in  
China.

MEYER & Co.

Hongkong, August 13, 1878.

NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE

INSURANCE COMPANY.

Incorporated by Royal Charter and  
Special Acts of Parliament.

ESTABLISHED 1809.

CAPITAL £2,000,000.

THE Undersigned, AGENTS at Hongkong  
for the above Company, are prepared to  
grant Policies against FIRE to the extent  
of £10,000 on any Building, or on  
Merchandise in the same, at the  
usual Rates, subject to a discount of 20  
per cent.

GILMAN & Co.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, July 6, 1875.

ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned, Agents for the above  
Company, are prepared to grant In-  
surances at current rates.

MELOHERS & Co.,  
Agents, Royal Insurance Company.

Hongkong, October 27, 1874.

LANCASHIRE INSURANCE

COMPANY.

(FIRE AND LIFE.)

CAPITAL—TWO MILLIONS STERLING.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant  
Policies against the Risk of FIRE on  
Buildings or on Goods stored therein, on  
Goods on board Vessels and on Hulls of  
Vessels in Harbour, at the usual Terms  
and Conditions.

Proposals for Life Assurances will be re-  
ceived, and transmitted to the Directors  
for their decision.

If required, protection will be granted on  
first class Lives up to £1000 on a Single  
Life.

For Rates of Premiums, forms of pro-  
posals or any other information, apply to  
ARNHOLD, KARBURG & Co.,  
Agents, Hongkong & Canton.

Hongkong, January 4, 1877.

## Merchant Vessels in Hongkong Harbour.

Exclusive of late Arrivals and Departures reported to-day.

To facilitate finding the position of any vessel in the Harbour, the Anchorage is divided into eight Sections, commencing at  
Green Island. Vessels near the Hongkong shore are marked h., near the Kowloon shore k., and those in the body of the  
Shipping or midway between each shore are marked c., in conjunction with the figures denoting the sections.

Section.  
1. From Green Island to the Gas Works.  
2. From Gas Works to the Novelty Iron Works.  
3. From Novelty Iron Works to the Harbour Master's Office.  
4. From Harbour Master's Office to the P. and O. Co.'s Office.  
5. From P. and O. Co.'s Office to Peddar's Wharf.  
6. From Peddar's Wharf to the Naval Yard.  
7. From Naval Yard to the Pier.  
8. From Pier to East Point.

Vessel's Name.	Anchor- age.	Captain.	Flag and Reg.	Tons.	Date of Arrival.	Consignees or Agents.	Destination.	Remarks.
Steamers								
Adria	2h	Stewart	Brit.	789	Mar. 5	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Hollow	K'loon Dock
Albay	2h	F. Ashton	Brit.	366	Jan. 18	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	Southern Sea Island	put back
Alcoa	7h	Lormier	Ger.	1904	Mar. 7	Messageries Maritimes	Shanghai	To-morrow
Amazona	5c	Drawes	Brit.	814	Feb. 26	Stemmen & Co.	Shanghai	At'een Dock
Amoy	2h	Thomson	Brit.	922	Feb. 24	Hop Kee	S'pore and Penang	To-day
Atholl	2h	Meyer	Brit.	2015	Mar. 4	Messageries Maritimes	Marseilles, &c.	17th, 8th
Ava	5c	Rapatel	Feb.	2652	Feb. 26	O. S. S. Co.	Y'ama & S. F. cisco	17th, 3 p.
Belgia	2h	Meyer	Brit.	749	Feb. 12	Kwok Acheong	Yokohama	Mails
Bombay	1h	Alderton	Brit.	1036	Feb. 27	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Hollow & Haiphong	To-day
China	5c	Scott	Brit.	317	Feb. 20	E-shun Hong	Bangkok	11th inst.
Conquest	5c	Thompson	Brit.	654	Mar. 4	Yuen Fat Hong	Amoy & Shanghai	To-day
Dale	5c	Jackson	Brit.	1240	Mar. 4	Butterfield & Swire	Coast Ports	11th, day
Diomed	5c	Young	Brit.	861	Mar. 7	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	Tug Plym	To-day
Douglas	5h	Stapani	Brit.	117	Mar. 7	H.K. & W'poo Dock Co.	Coast Ports	Tug Plym
Fame	5h	Cron	Chl.	920	Mar. 7	C. M. S. N. Co.	Canton	To-day
Fuyew	5h	Wilson	Chl.	735	Mar. 6	C. M. S. N. Co.	Shanghai	To-day
Hwai Yuen	4h	O'Neill	Brit.	1060	Feb. 25	Gibb, Livingston & Co.	Port Darwi	To-day
Killarney	5c	Darke	Brit.	2000	Feb. 25	Gibb, Livingston & Co.	Australian Ports	18th, noon
Memmuir	5c	Edmondson	Brit.	606	June 21	Kwok Acheong	Australian Ports	To-morrow
Norna	5c	Nagel	Ger.	763	Mar. 18	Remedios & Co.	Manila	10th inst.
Ocean	5c	Marcelle	Ger.	1735	Mar. 18	W. H. Ray	Yokohama	To-morrow
Olympia	5c	Lamont	Brit.	820	Jan. 6	Messageries Maritimes	.....	K'loon Dock
Sea Gull	5c	Molsen	Dan.	1877	Mar. 6	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	.....	.....
Tanais	5c	Hauer	Brit.	871	Mar. 6	Meyer & Co.	.....	.....
Thales	5c	.....	.....	.....	.....	Russell & Co.	.....	.....
Thingalla	5c	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zephyr	5c	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Sailing Vessels								
Abbie N. Franklin	7c	Howes	Amer.	480	Mar. 6	O. & O. S. S. Co.	Portland (Oregon)	10th inst.
Alden Bessie	7c	Noyes	Amer.	850	Dec. 17	Rozario & Co.	San Francisco	.....
Beethoven	4k	Haje	Ger.	340	Jan. 25	Melchers & Co.	Channel f.c.	.....
Black Hawk	8c	Floyland	Amer.	1126	Jan. 13	Vogel & Co.	.....	.....
Black Watch	8c	Kenneth	Brit.	491	Dec. 6	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.	.....	.....
Catherine Marden	4c	Marden	Brit.	287	Feb. 22	Captain	.....	.....
Charmar	4c	Lucas	Amer.	1333	Jan. 8	Russell & Co.	.....	.....
Christina	3c	Capra	Nic. 3.m.sc.	173	Dec. 21	J. dos Remedios & Co.	Portland (Oregon)	.....
Coeran	2h	Hall	Amer.	188	July 18	W. H. Ray	Salgon	.....
Coloma	4c	Hall	Amer.	863	Nov. 15	Russell & Co.	.....	.....
Craigie Lea	7c	Whither	Brit.	622	Mar. 1	Butterfield & Swire	.....	.....
Deux Freres	8c	Chansen	Feb.	387	Feb. 3	Landstein & Co.	.....	.....
Elizabeth Childs	1c	Lindburgh	Ger.	891	Mar. 3	Wiel & Co.	.....	.....
Eve	7c	Merceron	Foh.	827	Mar. 8	Meyer & Co.	.....	.....
Excelsior	7c	Kulper	Ger.	647	Feb. 17	Siemssen & Co.	.....	.....
Forward	7c	Kloote	Ger.	282	Feb. 6	Melchers & Co.	.....	.....
Formosa	7c	Vandevord	Brit.	744	Dec. 17	Rozario & Co.	Portland (Oregon)	.....
Forward	2c	Vandevord	Ger. 3.m.sc.	295	Mar. 8	Wiel & Co.	.....	.....
Friedrich	4c	Bertelsen	Amer.	877	Mar. 7	Vogel & Co.	.....	.....
Golden Rule	4k	Lewis	Amer.	1195	Mar. 18	Vogel & Co.	.....	.....
Haselhur	4k	Goudey	Brit.	877	Jan. 18	Rozario & Co.	New York	.....
Herbert Black	4k	Treat	Amer.	673	Jan. 18	Vogel & Co.	Portland (Oregon)	.....
Highlander	4k	Guthinson	Amer.	1352	June 10	Vogel & Co.	Hamburg	.....
Holstein	4k	Kulper	Ger. 3.m.sc.	281	Jan. 10	Vogel & Co.	Manila	.....
Humboldt	4k	Stoll	Ger.	330	Feb. 18	Eduard Schellhas & Co.	Caliao	.....
Invisible	4c	Strickland	Amer.	1450	Dec. 6	Meyer & Co.	.....	.....
James Shephard	5c	Madden	Brit.	849	Feb. 14	Melchers & Co.	.....	.....
John Schmitt	3k	Bösche	Ger.	483	Mar. 1	Melchers & Co.	Salgon	K'loon
Johann	4k	Lannay	Fren.	504	Feb. 12	Carlowitz & Co.	Newchwang	.....
Kirkland	4k	Colledge	Brit.	453	Jan. 21	Wiel & Co.	Salgon	.....
Largs	7c	Brown	Brit.	751	Feb. 17	Eduard Schellhas & Co.	Takao & Yokohama	Coast
Lota	4k	Duddfield	Brit.	472	Jan. 25	Order	.....	.....
Marquis of Argyll.	8c	McKeon	Brit.	500	Dec. 20	Rozario & Co.	San Francisco	.....
Matchless	4c	Dawes	Amer.	1165	Nov. 1	Russell & Co.	Honolulu	.....
Mignon	3c	Soule	Am. 3m.sc.	454	Jan. 1	Vogel & Co.	.....	.....
Morning Star	1h	Michaelsen	Slam.	670	Dec. 10	Chinese	.....	.....
Nehemiah Gibson.	8h	Bradford	Amer.	741	Dec. 23	Meyer & Co.	.....	.....
Papa	4c	Bloes	Ger.	392	Feb. 9	Siemssen & Co.	Tientsin	.....
Paul Marie	3c	Gaillard	Foh.	824	Mar. 6	Carlowitz & Co.	.....	.....
Penobscot	7c	Chigman	Amer.	133	Feb. 23	Butterfield & Swire	Labuan	.....
Penrith	4k	Remington	Brit.	549	Feb. 20	Melchers & Co.	Salgon	.....
Saga	4c	Silversparre	Swed.	455	Feb. 16	Wiel & Co.	Portland (Oregon)	.....
Silver Eagle	4c	Bichard	Brit.	908	Jan. 26	Adamson, Bell & Co.	London	.....
Stillman R. Allen	4c	Taylor	Amer.	586	Jan. 20	Vogel & Co.	.....	.....
Stonewall Jackson	4c	Bartlett	Amer.	1102	Dec. 30	Russell & Co.	.....	.....
Stracathro	4c	Miller	Brit.	1150	Dec. 21	Vogel & Co.	.....	.....
Strathmore	4c	Hemsworth	Brit.	500	Dec. 21	Captain	.....	.....
Sumaride	4c	Tobiasen	Norw.	943	Jan. 9	Vogel & Co.	.....	.....
Sumatra	3k	Clough	Amer.	1090	Sept. 5	Russell & Co.	.....	.....
Sydenham	4c	Miller	Brit.	1063	Jan. 5	Vogel & Co.	.....	.....
Tartar	4c	Klaomsa	Ger.	256	Feb. 7	Melchers & Co.	.....	.....
Thos. A. Goddard	4c	Smith	Amer.	682	Jan. 9	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	.....	.....
Thomas Fletcher	3h	Pendleton	Amer.	645	Feb. 23	Captain	.....	.....
Three Brothers	2h	Kahleke	Brit.	367	Feb. 24	Ee Tye Hong	Manila	8th
Vicenta	3c	Fromoya	Span.	518	Jan. 24	Remedios & Co.	.....	.....
Wandering Minstrel	3c	Siewwright	Brit.	362	Feb. 17	Captain	.....	.....
WHAMPOA								
Helene	.....	Volguarden	Ger.	372	Jan. 18	Wiel & Co.	Tientsin	.....
CANTON								
China	.....	Ackermann	Ger.	648	Mar. 6	Siemssen & Co.	Shanghai	.....